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Dear Mr Rehder:

On September 19, 1997, Kaiser-Hill delivered to you for review and comment, the most recent draft of the *Decommissioning Program Plan* (DPP), a *Facility Disposition Management Plan* (FDMP), and a *Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement (RFCA) Standard Operating Protocol for Type 2 Facilities* (RSOP). As you are aware, we are also making these documents available for information and informal comment to the stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in the DPP.

In accordance with paragraph 121 of the RFCA, the DPP must be submitted for approval via the Proposed Action Memorandum or Interim Measure (IM)/Interim Remedial Action (IRA) process. The RFCA also requires, "As part of the scoping process described in paragraph 89, the Department of Energy (DOE) will provide the draft IM/IRA to the Lead Regulatory Agency (LRA) 14 days before issuing it for the agency review and public comment described in this paragraph. The DOE will issue the draft IM/IRA to the LRA for its review and simultaneously make it available for a public comment period that shall last no less than 45 and no more than 60 days." This letter serves as notice that we wish to start the 14-day time period beginning the day you receive this letter. However, we recognize from a discussion with your representatives, that 14 days may not be enough time, owing to the nature of the changes made to the documents. We ask that you advise us within the 14-day comment period as to what you believe to be a reasonable comment period that would also support expeditious completion of these documents. We appreciate your understanding of this situation, and look forward to completing these documents in a consultative manner.

Since you last reviewed the DPP, it has been split into three separate documents.

- 1 DPP -- A regulatory document that will undergo a formal public review and comment period for 60 days and will be submitted to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Environmental Protection Agency for formal approval. The DPP generally describes the decommissioning process at Rocky Flats, and addresses some general issues including the definition of decommissioning and the types of buildings at Rocky Flats, in relation to the decommissioning process.
- 2 FDMP -- A broader document that covers deactivation and decommissioning. It is for internal Rocky Flat Environmental Technology Site use, and it is not subject to approval by the regulatory agencies. It will be sent out at the same time as the DPP, because it shows a) the overall facility disposition process for information, and b) where the DPP fits into the process. We welcome comments and questions from the public and your agency on the FDMP.

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- 3 RSOP -- The RSOP covers facilities that have small amounts of contamination, as defined in the DPP. The version that has been submitted is a brief process description document, intended to generate discussion among the working groups on the purpose and content of the RSOP

We are interested in discussing and resolving several major issues with you during the formal comment period. These include the hierarchy and content of decision documents, clarification of the definition of decommissioning relative to regulated activities, and the process for defining types of buildings (considering levels of chemical and radiological contamination) at Rocky Flats.

We look forward to discussing these and other issues with you. I suggest our staffs meet no later than October 10, 1997, to begin these discussions and to finalize the completion schedule for the DPP. Please call John Rampe of the Rocky Flats Field Office at 966-6246 with any questions or comments. Thank You

Sincerely,



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